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CELLULAR COMPANIES IN MAHARASHTRA DISTRICTS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the private cellular companies providing their services in Dhule, Nandurbar and Jalgaon districts of Maharashtra;

(b) the number SIM Cards provided in these districts; and

(c) the details of the criteria prescribed by these cellular companies for providing SIM Cards?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a)& (b) Three private cellular companies, namely, M/s Idea Cellular Ltd., M/s BPL Mobile Cellular Ltd. and M/s Bharti Cellular Ltd. are providing Cellular Mobile Telephone Service (CMTS) in Maharashtra telecom Circle Service Area on GSM based technology. These companies are providing mobile service in Dhule, Nandurbar and Jalgaon districts. The number of SIM cards (subscribers) of these companies in Dhule, Nandurbar and Jalgaon districts of Maharashtra is as below :

Sl No.	Name of private Company	No. of SIM cards (subscribers) as on 28.02.2005
1	M/s Idea Cellular Ltd.	34,850
2	M/s BPL Mobile Cellular Ltd.	33,985
3	M/s Bharti Celluar Ltd.	17,025

In addition to the above, two private companies, namely, M/s Reliance Infocomm Ltd. and M/s Tata Teleservices (Maharashtra) Ltd are also providing mobile service in Maharashtra Telecom Circle Service Area on CDMA based technology which does not have SIM card. M/s Reliance Infocomm Ltd. are providing mobile service in Dhule and Jalgaon districts and M/s Tata Teleservices (Maharashtra) Ltd. are providing mobile service in Dhule, Jalgaon and Nandurbvar districts.

(c) The SIM cards are provided based on network capacity and market demand after proper verification of prescribed documents submitted by customers.